

- Federal Money Will Pay for Inkless Fingerprinting System, an Emergency Generator, a License Plate Reader, Mobile Lighting Towers, and Video Cameras -
- Funds Secured by Hall Will Help Lower Burden on Local Taxpayers -

Monroe, NY – Standing in front of the Monroe Police Department today with Police Chief Dominic Giudice and Village of Monroe Mayor John Karl, U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-Dover) announced that he has secured \$160,000 in new federal funding for the Monroe Police Department. The funding will go towards an inkless fingerprinting system, an emergency motor generator for the ambulance building, a license plate reader, mobile lighting towers, and video cameras for the Regional Entry and Containment Team.

New mandates from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Office of Public Safety require all municipalities to use an electronic fingerprinting system in the next year. By securing federal funding, Congressman Hall acted to prevent this mandate from crippling the budget of Monroe and neighboring communities. Without assistance, this mandate would have fallen squarely on local taxpayers.

"This funding will allow the Monroe Village Police to dramatically increase their ability to prevent, solve, and control crime." Hall said. "This equipment will help with the successful apprehension of AMBER Alert suspects, allow the Ambulance Building to function as an emergency shelter under even the worst weather conditions, and allow the local police department to send fingerprints to FBI Headquarters in just a matter of seconds."

Funding for the Volunteer Ambulance Building generator will guarantee vital access to safe and secure shelter in emergency conditions to the people of the Village of Monroe. The generator will provide an auxiliary power supply to allow bay doors to open and close, maintain temperature through severe weather conditions, and provide the necessary electricity for local emergency services to provide temporary medical assistance and shelter during a time of crisis.

Funding for the LiveScan inkless fingerprinting system will allow the Monroe Police, and the law enforcement of neighboring communities, to digitally scan fingerprints to the Division of Criminal Justice and the FBI in a matter of seconds, instead of days. This would replace the rolling process, which uses ink on paper, and will allow for the kind of rapid sharing of information that produces quick arrests.

The license plate reader that this appropriation would fund can store more than 1,000 license plates and then search for them on vehicles passing as fast as 70 miles an hour. This reader will allow for the swift detection of unlicensed drivers, and those whose licenses have been revoked. It will also be invaluable in the case of an AMBER Alert, where it can play a vital role in the swift identification of a suspect's vehicle.

Also included in the bill, is funding for mobile light towers, which are crucial for properly managing a nighttime emergency.

"This funding invests in the safety of the local community and protects taxpayers from state mandates," Congressman Hall said. "It will help make the people of Monroe safer and more

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